RESTORATION INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITES (FUDS)

PROJECT FACT SHEET

ORIGINAL DATE: MAY 1997

TAG REVIEW DATE: 4 NOVEMBER 1997

1. SITE NAME: Roswell Precision Bombing Range No. 33

SITE NUMBER: K06NM052701

LOCATION:

City: N/A
County: Chaves
State: New Mexico

PROJECT NUMBER: K06NM052701

CATEGORY: OE

INPR RAC: 4

ASR RAC: 4

TAG RAC: 4

2. POC's:

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3. SITE DESCRIPTION:

a. The former Roswell PBR No. 33 is located in Chaves County, New Mexico, approximately 26 miles south of Roswell. The site, consisting of 640 acres, is further located at Section 18, Township 15 South, Range 24 East of the New Mexico Principal Meridian.

b. The one square mile tract slopes to the northeast. Vegetation is grasses with scattered brush and trees. It is currently owned by the Bureau of Land Management and private owners and utilized for livestock grazing.

4. SITE HISTORY:

- a. PBR No. 33 was one of thirty bombing or gunnery ranges belonging to Roswell Army Air Field during World War II. The 640 acre bombing range was used to train student bombardiers in day and night tactical bomber training. The bombardiers used M38-series practice bombs which contained 80 pounds of dry sand and a spotting charge.
- b. The target consisted of 5 foot high berms forming an cross with a swastika. Other features noted on aerial photos included a battleship, port and an "X" within a box, inscribed within a circle.

5. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Size, Acres: 640

Former Use: Target Area and Safety/Buffer Zone

Present Use: Livestock grazing
Probable End Use: Same as above

Ordnance Presence: Confirmed

Type: Bomb, 100 lb., Practice, M38-series

w/spotting charge

6. CURRENT STATUS:

The Archives Search Report (ASR) for Roswell PBR No. 33 was completed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Louis District, in May 1997.

7. STRATEGY:

Entire Site: EE/CA, RAC 4

8. ISSUES AND CONCERNS:

a. The Huntsville Center Technical Advisory Group reviewed this ASR and concurs with the recommendation for an EE/CA for the entire site since there was confirmed debris from M38-series, 100 pound practice bombs encountered by the SI Team during their inspection of this FUDS. There was no surface evidence that any HE bombs were dropped on this site. Since the site has not been

broken down into separate areas, the entire site must be considered; however, the main focus of any removal actions should concentrate on the lands that surround the target rings and silhouettes.

- b. Based on the investigation of historical records reviewed, the results of the site survey and interviews, there is no evidence of Chemical Warfare Materials ever being stored, used or disposed of at this FUDS.
- c. There are known Federally-and State-listed species occurring in the site area. An on-site inspection by appropriate State and Federal personnel may be necessary to verify the presence, absence or location of listed species or natural communities.